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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE APPROACH TO PRESIDENT
OF OAU

REF: USUN 1684

1. IN SPEECH AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA
APRIL 26 (REFTEL), GABONESE PRIME MINISTER MEBIAME
COMPLAINED THAT FIVE HAD NOT KEPT PRESIDENT OF OAU
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(GABON) INFORMED OF OUR NAMIBIA INITIATIVE. (WE HAD,
OF COURSE, BRIEFED PRESIDENT BONGO FREQUENTLY AS A MEMBER
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BUT HAD INTENTIONALLY NOT
BRIEFED HIM IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE OAU
BECAUSE WE DID NOT WANT HIM SUBSEQUENTLY TO BRIEF THE
MEMBERS OF THE OAU.) IN RESPONSE TO GABONESE COMPLAINT,
FRENCH ARE QUITE ANXIOUS, AND CONTACT GROUP HAS AGREED

AS REFERENDUM, TO BRIEF BONGO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS OAU PRESIDENT, ON THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR INITIATIVE.

2. GROUP BELIEVES THAT NOW THAT THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC, THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO DO SO. SUCH A BRIEFING WOULD PLEASE BONGO, AND IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF THE PRESS IN LIBREVILLE WERE TO BECOME AWARE THAT BONGO HAD BEEN BRIEFED AS OAU PRESIDENT. CONTACT GROUP, THEREFORE, AGREES THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR SHOULD ARRANGE WITH WESTERN FIVE COLLEAGUES PRESENT IN LIBREVILLE FOR APPROACH TO BONGO.

3. USUN IS REPEATING RECENT CABLES TO EMBASSY LIBREVILLE FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS AGREED TO BY CONTACT GROUP MAY 3 AD REFERENDUM:

BEGIN TEXT: -- LES CINQ RENCONTRERONT DANS LES PROCHAINS JOURS LA SWAPO QUI AURA REUNI A NEW YORK CERTAIN MEMBRES DE SON COMITE EXECUTIF, DONT LA MAJORITE DES MEMBRES VIENDRONT DE LUSAKA, POUR LUI FOURNIR TOUS LES ECLAIRCISSEMENTS NECESSAIRES SUR NOS PROPOSITIONS.

-- LES CINQ DEMANDERONT UNE REUNION DU CONSEIL DE SECURITE A BREF DELAI.

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-- SI LE PRESIDENT BONGO POSAIT LA QUESTION DE L'ATTITUDE DES CINQ A L'EGARD DE WALVIS BAY, L'AMBASSADEUR POURAIT INDIQUER QUE LA FRANCE SERAIT DISPOSER A FAIRE UNE DECLARATION, SOUS UNE FORME A DETERMINER, SELON LAQUELLE CETTE ENCLAVE DEVRAIT REVENIR A UNE NAMIBIE INDEPENDENTE. L'AMBASSADEUR POURA AJOUTE QU'IL A L'IMPRESSION QUE SES PARTENAIRES SERAIENT DISPONSES A FAIRE DE MEME. END TEXT.

4. FYI. IT IS THE FIVE'S INTENTION, IN MEETING WITH SWAPO, TO DISCUSS SWAPO'S CONCERNS AND MAKE ANY CLARIFICATIONS OF OUR PROPOSAL THAT ARE NEEDED. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, INTEND TO OPEN THE PROPOSAL TO REVISIONS. IT ALSO CONTINUES TO BE THE FIVE'S POSITION THAT THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PROPOSAL. RATHER IT MUST BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. END FYI. YOUNG

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